

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Richard M. Kris et al. : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Continuation of PCT/US99/30515
Filed: December 22, 1999 :
For: HIGH THROUGHPUT ASSAY SYSTEM USING MASS SPECTROMETRY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

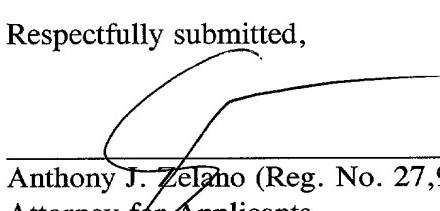
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the Title insert: -- This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/30515, filed December 22, 1999, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/218,166, filed December 22, 1998, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/109,076, filed July 21, 1998; this application claims priority to 60/068,291, filed December 19, 1997. –

REMARKS

The assignee qualifies for small-entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony J. Zelano (Reg. No. 27,969)
Attorney for Applicants


Nancy J. Axelrod (Reg. No. 44,014)
Patent Agent

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.
Arlington Courthouse Plaza I
2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1400
Arlington, Virginia 22201
(703) 812-5304 [Direct Dial]

Filed: June 22, 2001

NJA/bgk K:\Neogen\1\Neogen1-P2\Wo\c1\con prel amendmt.doc